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Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug today announced that the halibut allocation plan in effect last year will be continued during the new season.

The continuance of the plan was made necessary, he announced, because of the maintenance of price ceilings on this species of fish. The purpose of the order is to prevent violations of maximum price regulations between fishermen and dealers and to assure the orderly marketing of halibut within the regular channels of primary distribution.

Last season the order was administered by the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries, a wartime agency which has now gone out of existence. This year the Fish and Wildlife Service will administer the allocation plan.

Secretary Krug said that the plan was being continued after full consultation with the industry.

The order provides for the establishment of a new category of dealers west of Cape Saint Elias, bona fide facilities for landing halibut having recently been established there.

H. W. Terhune, Area Coordinator, 421 Bell Street Terminal, Seattle, Wash., will issue permits under the order.

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